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SUBJECT: ROCK CONCERT IN CAIRO

1. ADVANCE TEAM FROM ROCK GROUP THE GRATEFUL DEAD IS ON WAY TO CAIRO TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF GIVING CONCERT AT PYRAMIDS IN OCTOBER. PROFESSOR JOSEPH MALONE OF NWC IS INVOLVED IN HELPING GROUP MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AND WROTE TO AMBASSADOR EILTS ON MARCH 4 ABOUT GROUP'S PLANS. WE DO NOT HAVE EXACT DATES OF ADVANCE TEAMS ARRIVAL IN CAIRO BUT BELIEVE THEY MAY CALL AT EMBASSY ON ADVICE OF DR. MALONE. GROUP WILL BE TOURING PRIVATELY.

2. GROUP HAS HAD PRELIMINARY MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS WHO HAVE ALLEGEDLY INFORMED MINISTRY OF CULTURE. ORIGINAL PLAN WAS TO GIVE FREE CONCERT, BUT ON ADVICE OF EGYPTIAN EMBASSY, IT IS NOW PLANNED TO DONATE ALL ADMISSIONS PROCEEDS TO CHARITY. THE CONCERT WILL BE MADE INTO A RECORD ALBUM.

3. THE GRATEFUL DEAD ARE A VERY HIGHLY REGARDED AND PRO-UNCLASSIFIED

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FESSIONAL ROCK GROUP. WHILE NO SPECIFIC EMBASSY ACTION IS REQUESTED, BELIEVE THEIR ADVANCE TEAM MAY BENEFIT FROM ANY ADVICE YOU CAN GIVE. VANCE

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